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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 August 2006.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-10 and 12-20 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-10 and 12-20 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 10/4/07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant referenced wrong Tanida. Tanida relied upon by examiner is pat no. 6,621,013, as disclosed on applicant's PCT search filed 8/8/06. Application will not be made final to give applicant time to respond.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3, 6-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tanida.

Tanida discloses a housing fig. 1, the housing including a biometric input device exposed on an exterior of the housing 2A, the biometric input device for biometric identification of a user col. 4, lines 23 – et seq., an electronics component electrically connected to the biometric input device fig. 2; a communication device electrically connected to the electronics component fig. 2.

Tanida discloses said housing is configured to further comprise a platform for obtaining measurement information from a user and to obtain a biometric input from said user when said user is in a position to deliver said measurement information col. 1, lines 53 - et seq., said biometric input device is located on the weight device such that when a user is using said weight device both the measured information and the biometric input are obtained while the user is in a single position (fig. 1), said biometric input device is located on the platform of said weight device allowing said biometric input device to obtain biometric input from the same user position as said weight device will obtain measured information fig. 1, said biometric input device obtains biometric input and communicates said biometric input to the electronics component for screening against a plurality of user profiles stored on said electronics component col. 4, lines 6 - et seq., a plurality of user profiles are identified and secured using biometric input received from said biometric input device col. 4, lines 6 - et seq., the electronics component further comprises means for creating, a means for accessing and a means for editing a plurality of user profiles the electronics component further comprising measurement information col. 4, lines 23 - et seq., said means for creating, accessing and editing said plurality of user profiles includes biometric input means col. 4, lines 23 - et seq., said communication device is a visual indicator fig. 1, said communication device is an LCD

The method claims 14-20 are inherent in the corresponding apparatus claims and are rejected for the reasons above.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 4, 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanida in view of Osten.

Tanida discloses said housing is configured to form a bathroom scale fig. 1, further comprising a platform to accept said user's feet for obtaining measured information fig. 1

Tanida does not disclose said biometric input is a toe print.

Osten disclose a toe print as biometric data (col. 7, lines 34-41).

It would have been obvious to use Osten's toe print sensor with Tanida's device, as it is well known to use a toe print, as taught by Tanida, for identifying a user.

Osten further discloses said biometric input device further comprises a scanner component (col. 7, lines 34-41).


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Glenn Richman whose telephone number is 571-272-4981. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, LoAn Thanh can be reached on (571)272-4966. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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